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The

CHAINGUN ISLAND

zine

What is this?

Hey, kid.

Looks like you just stumbled upon an issue of the CHAINGUN ISLAND ZINE!!! The craziest ZINE in the Southern Ohio area! This ZINE is chock-full of mind-bending journalism that'll be sure to make the authority figure of your choice's head spin! We got Music, Movies, and Videogames out the wazoo!

That ain't so bad, eh?

Anywho… I'm your eclectic ZJ (Zine Jockey for those uninformed) 8-Track TeckHead, the undead cyborg from Milford.

ENJOY THE SHOW…

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THE BLURB

Issue 23-E-V-O! HOLY MOLY! My fellow ECLECT-oids, a couple-a-days ago, me 'n the CHAINGUN ISLAND crew finally achieved a lifelong dream… we snuck into the Andrew J. Brady music center 'n saw DEVO LIVE! All I gotta say is… it was AAAAAMAZIN'! It was DOUBLEPLUSGOOD! It was everythin' an undead cyborg like me could ask for 'n MORE! I even got to meet MICHAEL PILMER from DEVO-OBSESSO! I'd DE-VULGE the DE-TAILS, but why would I abbreviate such an X-PERIENCE for print when you could read aboot the WHOLE SHEBANG on my BLOG?! I gotta go beyond the normal thing… I gotta do the ECLECTIC THING! Anywho, we at the CHAINGUN ISLAND ZINE're still comin' off the absolute HIGH-a seein' those SPUDS in action, so we got a TOTAL DEVO joint for ya this month, a lotta FRINGE SPUDWAZZ 'n DE-VOLVED deep cuts! So put that tape on erase 'n re-arrange yer face because on CHAINGUN ISLAND… we're ALL DEVO!

CLUB DEVO

EVOLVE OR DIE!

TECKHEAD'S DIGS

Ten-Year Olds With Suckerpads: The Alt.Fan.Devo Compilation Vol. 1

Now here's a REAL TREAT! So get this: One day on USENET, a bunch-a BORED SPUDS (Mitch Thomas 'n Michael Wilson to be X-ACT) got the HAIR-BRAINED idea to make an ALBUM! What more? It wasn't just a dinky Devo cover album, this was entirely brand-new, HANDMADE TUNES! Now, the Alt.Fan.Devo usenet group's had a LONG history-a tape-tradin', but they'd never thought to COMPILE 'em! I gotta tell ya, ECLECT-oids, this comp is all-cap ECLECTIC! Goin' in, I thought it was just gonna be a ton-a DEVO-esque tunes, but what I got instead was a SHMORGASBORG-a GENRES! Synthpunk, Heavy metal, Outsider music, Funk-rock, one tune that sounds like Cake, all thoroughly breaded in LO-FI GOODNESS! I DIG this whole JAWN, but if I HAD to pick just ONE, I'd TOTALLY go with "Atari 400" by Reload… who is also known as Brian Applegate, a name you'll be hearin' again… REAL SOON! All-in-all, I give this CRANKED-UP COMP 4 OUTTA 5 TeckHeads!

Special thanks to Alex Brunelle of www.boojiboysbasement.com for helpin' me find the CHATLOGS! Wait a minute… was there ever a volume 2?!

Genre: A 'lil bit of everything

Country: USA 'n Canada

Label: Self-Released

Released: 1997

TECKHEAD'S GAME DU JOUR

Adventures of the Smart Patrol - Windows

"We'll be having turkey-a-la-monkey tonight!"

I'll admit, ECLECT-oids. 'Ol TeckHead got a 'lil NERVOUS thinkin' I wouldn't find a DEVO-slash-DEVO-adjacent videogame to review in time! Created by Spud-'n-Pud Devo themselves, Mark Mothersbaugh 'n Gerald Vincent Casale, Adventures of the Smart Patrol is… certainly a CD-ROM adventure! Get this: Ya don't play as DEVO. Instead, ya play as the SMART PATROL! As foretold in the DEVO-tional hymn: Smart Patrol/Mr. DNA, they are the ones who "Shove the poles in the holes"... Sorry, I just had to wipe a tear from my cybernetic eye. Anywho! Ya gotta run around the DEVOLVED city of Spudland lookin' for answers 'n tryin' to capture the ELUSIVE TURKEY-MONKEY with the help of familiar members-a the DEVO ZEIGEIST like Booji Boy, General Boy, Dr. Byrthfood, 'n MORE! What more, ya get to confront crooked healthcare companies 'n tyrannical televangelists! Pretty HARDCORE, DEVO! I dig it! What more? You can even watch a (partial) holographic performance of Peek-A-Boo! Let's face it, this jawn COULDA been a SMASH HIT! I really wish! But sadly, A.O.T.S.P. suffers from a TON-a-the-same issues Total Distortion (from Issue 20!). Believe me! It's got a TON-A potential, but the clunky-teck-a mid-90s CD-ROM seals it's unfortunate doom as just an amusin' piece-a SPUDWAZZ!

All-in-all, I give this remedial ROM 2.5 outta 5 TeckHeads… it pains me so!

At least the soundtrack's pretty TIGHT! It's got Reload on it! Y'know, from the PREVIOUS PAGE!

Developer AND Publisher: Inscape

Released: 1996

Odbal's Pick

My Struggle - Booji Boy

Heh-heh-HEY boisengoilsenSPUDS! It's time for a DEVOLVED Odbal Pick! This 'lil doozy's a REAL TREAT for all-a-yuz! I may not show it, but I'm GOO-GOO for DEVO just as much as TeckHead! WHY WOULDN'T I BE? Eh, they're music's okay I guess, but who I REALLY REZ-O-NATE with is that BOOJI BOY! Ohhhh BOY! I tell ya, that kid's got PEP! He may not LOOK like it… but that boy's GOTTA LOTTA say! Like the time we went to the DEVO CONCERT 'n he was goin' ON-'N-ON aboot the Queen City Record-pressin' machines risin' from the grave 'n walkin' into the VENUE! He had a POINT-'n-a-HALF! But err uh… oh right! BOOJI BOY'S TOME! My STRUGGLE! A RIVETIN' tale-a DE-EVOLUTION! For the first time in my life, I read a book cover-to-cover… and I GET IT! The wise words, the stunnin' observations, the MYRIAD-a GENITALIA! My bony eyes HATH been opened! DE-EVOLUTION is REAL! WE MUST REPEAT! PUSS-FACE CAUGHT IN AN AIR ATTACK! I'M A POTATO! I must REPENT for my DE-EVOLVED ways! The only way I can! I gotta join da Church of the SUBGENIUS!

A pretty ODD BALL Odbal Pick, eh?

Published: 1978

Genre: Journal

Country: USA

Publisher: Self-Published

Cassetta's Flick

Human Highway - 1982

Good evening, mujeres bonitas and beautiful mutants. Tracky-poo doesn't usually pick my month's zine flick, and now I see why. Human Highway is a movie with virtually no plot. That's right, nothing happens in this movie! The only real high points in the film were DEVO's little musical number in the beginning and the trippy DEVO/Young dream sequence where they're all jamming in a studio. The rest of the flick is just Neil Young and eccentrics milling around the gas station in the middle of nowhere until an atomic bomb ushered in by Booji Boy (DEVO's uncanny mascot) kills everyone! It came out of nowhere! Frankly, I was rather shocked. I knew the damn thing had to end eventually, but not like that! I'll be honest with you all, this one really made me think. How are you supposed to know it's your last day on earth? If a nuclear war happens, how are we, the common gas station attendant/nuclear garbage person, supposed to react to such an event? We simply enjoy it. Our lousy routines, our cheap lunches, that one lady or larry you fancy but know it'll never work out. We just dance around and make love and all that gushy stuff. What can *we* do – what can anyone do when the warheads touch down? Nothing! And that's perfectly fine. It really does take a worried man… Ah what the hell, give this flick a try! Who knows? It may be your last one!

"If you got any last minute shopping to do, you better get it done now! Because this planet's got the shits and it's about to blow!" - Booji Boy, who needs no subtitle.

Genre: Sci-Fi Dramady

Runtime: 84 Minutes

Director and Writer: Neil Young

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That's it. Show's over! Thanks for readin' 'n…

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